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SUBJECT: ARMS ASSISTANCE TO THE YAR

REF: (A) STATE 81654, (B) JIDDA 2534

1. EMBASSY JIDDA HAS RECEIVED REPLY TO APRIL 6 LETTER FROM
AMBASSADOR TO MINDEF PRINCE SULTAN CONTAINING TEXT OF "AIDE
MEMOIRE" FORWARDED REF A. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF PRINCE
SULTAN'S REPLY:

"WITH REFERENCE TO YOUR LETTER DATED APRIL 6, 1976, CONCERNING
THE AMERICAN POINT OF VIEW WITH REGARD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT
OF GUARANTEES FOR THE SAUDI ROLE IN FINANCING ARMS TRANS-
ACTIONS IN WHICH THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA WILL BUY (ARMS)
FOR THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, WE ARE OF THE OPINION THAT IT
IS NECESSARY TO ADD CERTAIN AMENDMENTS TO THE CONDITIONS OF
THE LETTER OF OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORM #1513. THESE
AMENDMENTS READ AS FOLLOWS:

FIRST: THE RIGHT OF CANCELLATION OF A TRANSACTION BEFORE
DELIVERY IS RESTRICTED TO THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA
ALONE.

SECOND: DELIVERIES OF MATERIEL AND EQUIPMENT TO THE YEMENI
SIDE WILL BE THROUGH THE SAUDI MILITARY DELEGATION IN YEMEN.
THIS TRANSFER WILL BE UNRELATED TO THE LEGAL TRANSFER OF
OWNERSHIP WHICH NORMALLY TAKES PLACE AT THE POINT OF INITIAL

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SHIPMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AMERICAN LAWS.

THIRD: IN CASE OF CANCELLATION OF A TRANSACTION BEFORE
DELIVERY TO THE YEMENI SIDE, THE SAUDI AND AMERICAN GOVERN-
MENTS WILL JOINTLY CONSULT CONCERNING ITS DISPOSITION.
FOURTH: THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGREES THAT THERE WILL BE
PRIOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE SAUDI AND YEMENI GOVERNMENTS
IN ALL THAT PERTAINS TO THE ROLE OF THE YEMENI GOVERNMENT,
AS A PURCHASING PARTY ACCORDING TO FORM 1513, VIS A VIS THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT. GREETINGS, SULTAN BIN ABD AL-AZIZ,
MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND AVIATION AND INSPECTOR GENERAL."

2. WE WILL SEEK FURTHER CLARIFICATIONS AFTER PRINCE SULTAN'S RETURN
FROM THE YAR.
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